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Unit Live Load on Restaurant Floors

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes
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I. Design Live Load for Restaurants

A. Restaurants and dining areas are considered public assembly areas and shall require a design live load of 100 pounds per square foot (psf) in accordance with Table No. 16-A of the Uniform Building Code. Since these areas are considered as places of public assembly, a reduction in the 100 psf unit live load shall not be permitted per Section 1606 of the Uniform Building Code.

B. Bars and restaurants classified as Group B Occupancies (less than 50 people) must also be designed using a 100 psf unit live load.

C. A live load reduction per Section 1606 will be permitted for Group B restaurants and bars.